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MEMORANDUM FOR: CHIEF, POLITICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE

SUBJECT : Distribution of the PSB Quarterly Progress Report to the National Security Council

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1. In correspondence between the Chief, Psychological Staff Division, and [REDACTED] PSB Staff, on the 31st of July and the 5th of August, 1952, it was determined that the CIA summary to the annual PSB Progress Report to the NSC would be classified, "EYES ONLY," and given very selective and limited distribution, as follows:

- "a. The President (through Mr. Lay)
- "b. The Secretary of State (through Mr. Bohlen)
- "c. The Secretary of Defense (through Mr. Nash)
- "d. General Bradley (through General Balmer)
- "e. General Smith (through Mr. Brewer)
- "f. Mr. Lay (for NSC Senior Staff use)
- "g. [REDACTED] (for PSB Senior Staff only)."

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A more general distribution of the report was made exclusive of the CIA annex which was classified, Top Secret.

2. Conferences between the NSC Secretariat and the PSB Staff has determined the following distribution for the EYES ONLY section of the First Quarterly Progress Report, which is similar to the annual report's distribution:

- a. The President
- b. The Vice President
- c. Executive Secretary, NSC

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- d. Secretary of State
- e. Secretary of Defense
- f. General Bradley
- g. Director of Psychological Strategy Board
- h. Director of Central Intelligence
- i. National Security Council file
- j. Copy for briefing book for the incoming President.

3. The point at issue is that the Director of the Mutual Security Agency and the Chairman, National Security Resources Board, are full-time members of the NSC and were excluded from previous distribution of "EYES ONLY" copies. Mr. Harriman did get to see a copy, however, on a loan basis from the Director of the PSB. The NSC Secretariat has asked the PSB Staff for sufficient copies to include distribution to these offices. The PSB Staff believes that CIA must authorize the extension of distribution.

4. Inasmuch as MSA participates on PSB panels and is assigned specific actions and task objectives with the other departments and agencies, and inasmuch as MSA is a contributor to the PSB report to the NSC, I would recommend that the PSB be authorized to extend distribution to the Director of MSA; but I can see no reason why NSRB should be included in the distribution of an EYES ONLY copy.

5. May I have an early decision on this matter in order to inform the PSB Staff?

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